

December 31, 2001

**TO: TRANSIT AGENCIES AND CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
PERFORMING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUDITS**

SUBJECT: FY 2002 and 2001 Audit Information for December 31st Year-Ends

I. INFORMATION NECESSARY TO CALCULATE STATE OPERATING ASSISTANCE

A. Reimbursement Amount:

Based on the budgeted distribution, nonurbanized areas and urbanized areas under 100,000 population received the following percentage of their eligible operating expenses.

FY 2002:	44.573388784 percent
FY 2001:	45.386751206 percent

Urbanized areas over 100,000 population received the following percentage of their eligible operating expenses.

FY 2002:	37.30546095 percent
FY 2001:	38.001244509 percent

There is a fixed amount of state funds available statewide and the percentages change based on the statewide eligible expenses. The FY 2001 percentages are calculated based on budgeted eligible operating expenses. FY 2001 percentages will be recalculated after total eligible operating expenses are determined based on the preliminary reconciliation and the audited close out.

B. Statutory Cap:

Nonurbanized areas and urbanized areas under 100,000 population can receive up to 60 percent of eligible operating expenses. Urbanized areas over 100,000 population can receive up to 50 percent of eligible operating expenses.

C. Mandatory Floor:

An agency must receive, as a minimum, the amount received for eligible operating expenses in FY 1997, contingent upon the local share requirements set forth in Act 51, as amended.

II. INFORMATION RELATING TO FEDERAL FUNDING AND REIMBURSEMENT

- A. Each funding source (Section 5307 and Section 5311) needs to be shown separately in the audit.
- B. Nonurban eligible expense percentages for Section 5311 operating assistance is 10.95 percent for both fiscal years ending September 30, 2001 and September 30, 2002.
- C. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) website is www.cfda.gov. CFDA numbers for FY 2002 are:

20.505 for Section 5303
20.507 for Section 5307
20.500 for Section 5309
20.513 for Section 5310
20.509 for Section 5311
20.515 for Section 5313

III. PERCENTAGE OF ASSOCIATIONS DUES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT under State Operating Assistance and Section 5311 Operating Assistance for fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

	<u>FY 2001</u>
MASSTrans	92.8 Percent
MPTA	92.2 Percent
APTA	86.0 Percent

Percentages for FY 2002 are not yet available.

IV. SPECIAL POINTS

- A. Clearly identify all grants in the financial statements and supplemental information. All grants should have the contract number as well as a meaningful title. Grants should be clearly identified on such things as the revenue schedules, the Schedule of Expenses by Contract and General Operations, and the Ineligible Expense Schedule if a grant amount is included in total eligible expenses and then must be backed out as ineligible. PTD will not accept any audit that fails to clearly identify all grants on all of the applicable schedules.
- B. For October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001, the Local Public Transit Revenue and Expense Manual dated October 1, 1997 is in effect. For October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, the Local Public Transit Revenue and Expense Manual dated October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002 is in effect. The Local Public Transit Revenue and Expense Manual dated October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, as well as this letter, can be found at our website, www.mdot.state.mi.us/uptran/ptd. **This is the last year that this letter will be mass mailed. Starting September 30, 2002, this letter will be posted on our website and will be mailed only to individuals upon request.**

- C. The audit guide can be purchased from the Michigan Department of Treasury. The order form is located at www.treas.state.mi.us. Once you are at the home page, click on "Local Gov't Services", then click on "Publications Invoice" under the Local Government Audits Section. The audit guide is item number 14 "Transportation Authorities and Agencies" on the order form.

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